

## Revelation 21

1. John saw a “new heaven and new earth.” Isaiah also prophesied of this in Isaiah 65:17 and 66:22. What happened to *the first* heaven and earth?
  - a. According to Isaiah 65:17 and Revelation 21:4, what else passed away?
  - b. John also saw the “new” Jerusalem (Rev. 21:2). In Isaiah 65:18, what did Isaiah say that God would create?
  - c. According to Isaiah 66:23, who all would be welcome in the new heaven and earth? Who would be in Revelation 21:24 & 26?
  - d. In the kingdom parable of the wedding for the King’s Son (Matthew 22:1-14), after the initial invitees rejected the invitation and even killed the King’s servants, who was then invited? (Mt. 22:9)
  - e. In Ephesians 2:11-16, who was invited to join faithful Jews in the body of Christ?
2. John saw the “new Jerusalem” coming down from heaven. Given what we have seen already in the book about the blood of Christ redeeming Old Testament saints as well as New Testament saints (Rev. 12:10-11), what is the identity of “the new Jerusalem?”
  - a. In Hebrews 12:22-23, what two groups of people are included in the “heavenly Jerusalem?”
  - b. In Galatians 4:26, what did Paul contrast with the “Jerusalem that is now in bondage with her children” of verse 25?

3. Which formerly discussed angels introduced Christ's "bride" (the holy city or new Jerusalem)? (v. 9)
  
4. In verses 10-27, the description of the "holy city Jerusalem" is also a description of close union and fellowship with God. In fact, most people understand these verses as a description of heaven. Explain why the two thoughts are so closely connected:
  - a. These verses use physical terms and descriptions to describe the holy city, but what is the real purpose of this language?
  
5. Whose names were on the city gates? (12)
  
6. Whose names were on the city foundations? (14)
  
7. What is the significance of the two groups of 12 that are mentioned in verses 12 and 14?
  
8. The physical Jewish Temple was destroyed when Jerusalem was "trampled" and "burned" (11:2 + 17:16). What was the nature of the Temple in the *New Jerusalem*?
  
9. What is suggested by the rare jewels and metals, precious stones, large pearls and other materials that are mentioned as a part of the city?
  
10. Why would there be no need for lighting in the city?
  
11. According to verse 27, who would be admitted into the holy city?